

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
November 5, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: 7:15PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Monique Brown, Kim O'Keefe, Dave Delaney, Karen Sommer, Andrea Lennon, Margaret Morrison, Kimberly Christenson, Lesley Sweeney, Julie Brown, Tricia Baker

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark your calendars: Sunday, Feb 23rd is the Southeast School Ice Skating event from 5:30 – 6:30. The Ewalt's law firm is paying for this.

America Red Cross has an incentive program. If we recruit 15 or more to donate blood, we will get \$500 in books for the school library. Norma Fisher-Doiron suggested talking with Barbara Vaughan because she organizes a blood drive every year with her girl scout troop.

Cheryl Hathway has supplies to run a Greeting Card fundraiser but needs a parent volunteer. Kimberly Christenson will look into this.

We do have some volunteers for the fall book sale during parent conferences but are still looking for more help, if only for an hour. This book sale benefits the library – the spring book fair is a fundraiser for the PTO. It was suggested that maybe we look to only have one book sale next year.

The 3rd grade teachers wrote a thank you note for bringing Sue Harrington into their classroom to explore science. It contained some nice pictures.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Norma Fisher Doiron

Parent's Hour: Jo Ann Freiberg – CT State Department of Education "Acts of Meanness" Bullying, School Climate and Character Education. The presentation was well attended. One message given at the presentation is that we are encouraged to use the term "mean" now instead of "bully" as this gives a clearer message. She can be reached at joann.freibergct.gov or (860)713-6598

Calendar of Events (on web site)

Highlights:

- Thanksgiving dinner – need volunteers
- School Renovations meeting this Wednesday

Upcoming PTO sponsored events include:

- Residency = "Civics and how we care for our community" School election activities will kick this off. Later, there will be speakers including Denise

Merrill. Sally Milus (a parent) is organizing this. Tentative date for the assembly is November 20th.

- Feb 12th, 13th is the Southeast School Circus
- Keith Michael Johnson is coming March 18th to do a presentation on history & Amazing Americans
- Hispanic Culture Day is May 5th. This is being organized by Senora Hutton & Mrs. Carr
- Amazing Hero Art by Rob Surrette – “Fastest portrait artist of the world” This costs \$1282.00. Norma shared a short video clip about his presentation. He is coming January 7th. The school can purchase painting after he creates them for \$300 each. \$500 was approved at the meeting to buy two paintings.

Book bags for library – It was decided to reinstitute this program. Norma Fisher Dorion will check on how many more bags are needed in order to distribute one to all the current Kindergarteners.

TEACHER’S REPORT: Monique Brown

Nancy Banfield is looking to organize the Emergency call list and needs parent volunteers.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Monique Brown

October’s minutes were reviewed.

CHANGES:

Add thank you to Andrea Lennon & Julie Brown for the Silent Auction

Change Principal’s Report to say “The Kindergarten classes remain large but each classroom has a full time instructional assistant.”

Many other typos that did not affect content.

Motion for acceptance with edits by: Karen Sommer

2nd by : Julie Brown

All in Favor

TREASURER’S REPORT: Lesley Sweeney

Lesley reviewed the treasurer’s report.

Highlights:

Carnival brought in \$11,720.05. Budget expected only 8,000.

At the end of October (reads “April” in the report) the checking account balance was \$26,847.23

Andrea Lennon suggested using extra funds for another school dance. Norma Fisher-Doiron suggested the Amadons. Kim O’Keefe suggested Andrea research a date for such a dance and also the cost.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report: Karen Sommer

Seconded by: Margaret Morrison

All in Favor

FUNDRAISING REPORT: Karen Sommer

No report

OTHER:

Brainstorming on ways to use PTO funds:

Sunshine Fund - Kim O'Keefe felt we should put more money into this fund to support families in need.

More recycling programs.

Money for Miss Parker. Norma thought maybe she could use more ropes course supplies.

We should develop a list and prioritize.

We could use money to pay for residencies in advance.

Motion to adjourn: Kim O'Keefe

Motion seconded by: Karen Sommer

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00PM
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN
NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2008